

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the final Office Action dated September 3, 2008. Claims 7 to 10 are in the application, with Claims 7 to 10 being independent. Claims 1 and 4 to 6 have been cancelled. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that Claims 7 to 10 are allowed.

Claim 4 was objected to for alleged informalities. Claim 4 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, and without conceding correctness of the objection, but rather strictly to obtain an earlier allowance.

The Office Action entered rejections of Claims 1 and 4 to 6 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 7,193,237 (Aramaki) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,981,237 (Bao). Claims 1 and 4 to 6 have been cancelled as noted above. The foregoing actions have been taken without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, and without conceding correctness of the rejections, but rather strictly to obtain an earlier allowance.

No other matters being raised, it is believed that the entire application is fully in condition for allowance, and such action is courteously solicited.

No fees are believed due; however, should it be determined that additional fees are required, the Director is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account 06-1205.

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